

ALPENA WEF. While in Kansas, I have a certain remedy for the TH of a rattlesnake. As it may benefit some one of your numerous readers who may find that he is a victim to the venomous bite, I herewith send the cure with the advice to try it: Make a poultice of fresh cow manure and apply to the wound; change every hour. A thorough trial of this remedy was made on the person of a little girl living with Mrs. Sperry, of Hiawatha, Brown county, Kansas. This little girl had been bitten on the arm; the doctor was sent for, tried his remedies and failed. The child's arm and body swelled rapidly, began to turn black, and the child appeared to be going into convulsions, when a woman from quite a distance, hearing of the case, came and advised the trial of this remedy. They tried it as a last resort, and it acted like a charm; convulsions subsided, swelling went down, blackness disappeared, the child recovered entirely from all effects, and is now living as healthy as any other child not bitten. It might not act on others the same, but it might be used in connection with internal remedies or as a last resort, as it was in this case.—*Cor. Rural New Yorker.*

Benefits of Laughter. Probably there is not the remotest corner or little inlet of the minute blood-vessel of the body that does not feel some wavelet from the great convulsion produced by hearty laughter, shaking the central man. The blood moves more lively—probably its chemical, electric or vital condition is instinctively modified—it conveys a different expression to all the organs of the body, as it visits them on that particular mystic journey, when the man is laughing, from what it does at other times. And thus it is that a good laugh lengthens a man's life, by conveying a distinct and additional stimulus to the vital forces. The time may come when physicians, attending more closely than they do now to the innumerable subtle influences which the soul exerts upon its tenement of clay, shall prescribe to a torpid patient "so many peals of laughter," to be undergone "at such and such times," just as they do now that far more objectionable prescription—a pill, or an electric or galvanic shock, and shall study the best and most effective method of producing the required effect in each patient.

Rest.—The cry for rest is often louder than the cry for food, not that it is more important, but because it is often harder to get. The best rest comes from sound sleep. Of two men or women, otherwise equal, the one who sleeps the best will be the most moral, healthy, and efficient. Sleep will do much to cure irritability of temper, peevishness, uneasiness, and insanity. It will restore to vigor an over-worked brain, and build up and strengthen a weary body. It will cure the headache, hypochondria, the blues, and a long list of nervous maladies. But the cure of sleeplessness itself is not so easy. It is often produced by hard study, long-continued watchfulness, too little exercise, tea and whisky drinking, and tobacco using. To break up the habit are required: First, a good clean bed. Second, sufficient exercise. Third, good air, and not too warm a room. Fourth, freedom from too much care. Fifth, a clean stomach. Sixth, a clear conscience. Seventh, avoidance of stimulants and narcotics.

Slight Mistake.—Another wronged and betrayed wife has gone to the lunatic asylum in Virginia. She looked through her husband's dry goods shop window one night, and saw the wretch in the very act of adjusting a shawl around the drooping shoulders of another woman. Stung to madness at the sight, the injured wife drew a revolver she had just purchased for a plaything for her baby, and sent a bullet crashing through the window and into the other woman's anatomy. Hurrying in to confront the guilty couple, after this sudden and violent emotion, she found the wretched creature who had seduced her husband's affections from their lawful object, was none other than a wire-frame dummy, used as a sign for the display of fashionable goods. The shock was too much for her delicate nerves, and the poor betrayed wife is looked up in an asylum, while the fiendish husband is permitted to go at large, unwhipped of justice, and free to pin shawls around seductive dummies when and where he pleases. It is very sad.

Not long since, during an exciting protracted meeting held in one of the frontier towns of Michigan, a man named Wilson, who, for some years had sold milk to the villagers, becoming seriously alarmed as to his spiritual condition, went forward to the anxious seat, and solicited the prayers of the congregation. In due time he became penitent, and arose to make his

confession. Among the transgressions of which he had been guilty, he owned frequently to have watered the milk he had sold. In the midst of his confession, while telling the milk story, a minister, a very worthy man, who despised cheats of all kinds, exclaimed, "Sit down, sit down, brother Wilson! if you say much more, they'll have you in the penitentiary in less than a week!"

Brother Wilson sat down.

To Trout Fishers.—The following timely hints in regard to catching trout are from Punchinello:

"When you see excellent trout fishing in a romantic mountain district advertised in the papers, go somewhere else.

"On arriving where you have reason to think trout exist, inquire of some real anglers, which are the best brooks and fish exclusively in those they run down.

"Keep as far as possible from the brook. If they see you they will not connect with the rod, in which case you will find it difficult to connect them with the line.

"Take some agreeable stimulant with you to the water side. You will find it a great assistance when reeling in.

"One of the best places for obtaining the speckled prey is under a waterfall—but you needn't mention this fact to the ladies.

"When you land a two pound trout (which you never will,) double the weight, else what's the use of having a multiplier.

"The experienced angler goes forth expecting nothing and is rarely disappointed.

"Avoid water courses infested with saw mills. These damned streams seldom contain many trout.

RAISING THE DROWNED.—In the case of the recent accidental drowning, in the Hackensack river, N. J., several persons made attempts to recover the body, but without success. A French Canadian, named Busche, then undertook the job, and is reported to have proceeded after the following scientific manner. Having supplied himself with some glass gallon jars and a quantity of unslacked lime, he went in a boat to the place where the man was seen to go down. One of the jars was filled half full of lime, then filled up with water and tightly corked. It was then dropped into the water, and soon exploded with a loud report. After the third trial, each time in a different place, the body arose to the surface and was secured.—*Scientific American.*

On a certain occasion a noted infidel borrowed a sum of money from the late Dr. Lathrop, of West Springfield, Mass. When he came to pay it he thought to pose the doctor by arguing from the Bible.

"You ought not to take interest for this money, for the Jews were forbidden to take usury."

"Oh, no," said the doctor, "you forget. The Jews were indeed forbidden to take usury from their own people, but they were allowed to take money from the heathen."

The application was too direct to be mistaken, and the man was quite willing to drop the argument and pay the money.

APPROPRIATE NAMES.—The following names are appropriate for the uses mentioned:

For an auctioneer's wife—Bid-dy.
For a general's wife—Sally.
For a sport's wife—Betty.
For a fisherman's wife—Net-ty.
For a shoemaker's wife—Peg-gy.
For a teamster's wife—Car-rie.
For a lawyer's wife—Sue.
For a printer's wife—Em.
For a druggist's wife—Ann Eliza.
For a carpet man's wife—Mat-tie.

A local report of the period: "Mr. Collins, of Hartford, bought a ferocious watch dog. Mr. Collins came home late that night. His wife says that his trousers can't be mended. The dog's skin is for sale cheap. Mr. Collins hopes to be able to sit down in a few weeks."

"Now my boy," said the committee-man "if I had a mince pie, and should give two-twelfths to John, two-twelfths to Isaac, two-twelfths to Harry, and should take half the pie myself, what would there be left? Speak up loud, so that all can hear."

The plate, shouted the boy.

The Salt Lake City News says that a short time since, while some men were engaged in clearing out a spring in that region, from which the people obtained water for irrigation, they found, standing erect, in the spring, what had been a two-year old heifer, in an advanced state of petrification.

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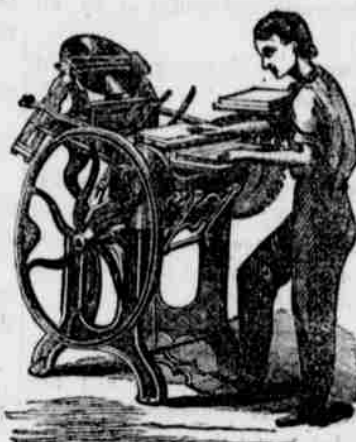
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